

music resources." A music scholarship, administered by the Asheboro Public Library Foundation, Inc., was presented for several years to a prospective music student from Randolph County. Funds from that bequest continue to add to the music collection here. Though the concert is no longer held, Friends of the Randolph Public Library sponsor a host of musical events each year at the library which are well attended.

Notable Stories

In the 1970s, George Holmes, a chemical engineer and patron, came to the Randolph County Public Library to keep abreast of current information in his field. He was a World War II veteran and was losing his eyesight due to injuries he sustained while flying a mission over Frankfurt, Germany. He sought the help of Randolph County Public librarian Charlesanna Fox who set him up with the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a division of the State Library of North Carolina. As a member of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, George Holmes was able to receive EPA reports in audio and large print formats, and to keep his job. He said that the prospect of losing his job was "scary" especially with nine children to support. "The library kept me working", he said. "I never thought the library would turn your morale around."

In 1936, a library book repair project was funded by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) as part of its Woman's program. Beginning in 1937, WPA funds were used to partially fund library positions throughout the county.

Special Collections

Local history, genealogy, and music.